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Shift McCone Quiz To His Oil Holdings

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Washington, Jan. 30—The attack against John A. McCone's confirmation as director of the Central Intelligence Agency resumes today with Sen. Clark (D-Pa.) raising a conflict-of-interest question.

Clark has had his staff members study carefully whether McCone's extensive interests in Middle Eastern oil disqualify him from making vital decisions that affect that area. He has submitted a legal brief from Senate lawyers.

Sen. McCarthy (D-Minn.) spent the day yesterday hammering away at McCone's fitness but apparently succeeded only in getting Sens. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Symington (D-Mo), McCone's staunchest defenders, angry with him.

McCarthy argued that the Senate Armed Services Committee had been derelict in not investigating McCone more carefully, since Congress has so little control over CIA itself.

When McCarthy tried to make reference to alleged CIA activities in Iran, Guatemala, Egypt and elsewhere, he was crisply challenged by Jackson, who admonished him not to discuss these matters openly.

McCarthy charged that CIA

had conducted operations of dubious legality and constitutionality. He argued that there was a "lack of constitutional control" over CIA, which the quick confirmation of McCone would aggravate.

Citing McCone's bitter denunciation of 10 professors at California Institute of Technology for opposing nuclear tests, McCarthy said McCone was temperamentally unfit for the CIA job.

At the committee hearing last week, Sen. Smith (R-Me.) and Sen. Case (R-S. D.), both conservatives, indicated serious reservations about McCone, principally because of the financial dealings that enabled him to make windfall profits during and immediately after World War II. McCone's fortune runs into many millions.

The committee vote for McCone last week was unanimous but Smith announced that he retained the right to vote against him on the floor.